# *Proclamation*
## *- In Memoriam -*
# William "Billy" Fernandes

**WHEREAS,** William "Billy" Fernandes served in the Merchant Marine during World War II after graduating from Saint Louis College in Honolulu; and

**WHEREAS,** William "Billy" Fernandes worked as an electrician and utilized his homestead land for farming before becoming an elected politician; and

**WHEREAS,** William "Billy" Fernandes was elected to the Territorial House of Representatives in 1952; later served in the State Senate and was appointed by the late Governor John A. Burns as Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture; and

**WHEREAS,** William "Billy" Fernandes served with his father, the late State Senator John B. Fernandes, in the legislature becoming the first father and son elected to the legislature for the Territory of Hawai'i; and

**WHEREAS,** William "Billy" Fernandes helped to establish the Kaua'i Racing Association and served as a member of the Kaua'i Farm Bureau, Kaua'i Community Federal Credit Union and the Kaua'i Veterans Council; and

**WHEREAS,** William "Billy" Fernandes, former Territorial and State Representative, State Senator and County of Kaua'i Councilman, passed away on June 2, 2011 at his home in Wailua Homesteads, Kaua'i;

**THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i,** extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to the Fernandes family on the passing of a true son of Hawai'i, and as a mark of respect for the memory of William "Billy" Fernandes, hereby order, by the authority vested in us by the Constitution and laws of the State of Hawai'i, that the National Flag and the Hawai'i State Flag shall be flown at half-staff at all State offices and agencies as well as the Hawai'i National Guard from sunrise on June 13, 2011 through sunset on June 13, 2011.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this tenth day of June, 2011.


**NEIL ABERCROMBIE**
Governor, State of Hawai'i

**BRIAN SCHATZ**
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i